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The Honorable William M. Thomas
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Dear Chairman Thomas:

Hewlett-Packard Company supports H.R. 4520, the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004.

We appreciate your leadership in crafting a bill that would achieve many important objectives.

Clearly, we need to repeal FSC/ETI and thereby end the sanctions imposed by the European Union. In addition, HP strongly agrees with your decision to spark substantial new investment in the United States by providing a one-time incentive for companies to reinvest foreign earnings.

Other very important aspects of your bill include a large number of international tax reform provisions, extension of the research and development tax credit, dealing with the foreign tax credit under the alternative minimum tax, the exclusion of incentive stock options and employee purchase plan stock options from wages, as well as the permanent tax rate reductions for domestic production activity.

We look forward to working with you to gain passage of H.R. 4520 by the House of Representatives.

Very truly yours,